

REMARKS

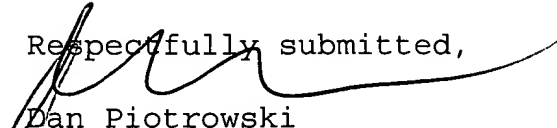
The Office Action dated October 4, 2005 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 4-5 and 9-11 are pending. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 4-5 and 9-11 are allowed.

Claims 1-3, 6-8 and 12-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over McAulay et al. in view of George et al., (U.S. Patent No. 5,504,833). Applicants respectfully disagree, however, to further prosecution of this application, claims 1-3, 6-8 and 12-13 have been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly the rejections stand moot.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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